## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CHARLESTON DIVISION

CASE NUMBER 2:06-CV-1754

FIREMAN'S FUND INSRUANCE COMPANY, as SUBROGEE for LIMEHOUSE & SONS, INC., Plaintiffs,

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AMERICAN EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, INC., ET AL., Defendants.

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- conclusion that the starter had caused the fire.
  - Q. But was there any evidence to you when you had the engine in front of you to look at that the starter caused the fire?
  - A. Again, the starter was damaged and, no, I didn't propose that we disassemble the starter or take the starter off.
  - Q. Well, sir, there's a lot of things that were damaged, right?
  - A. Sure.
  - Q. Okay. Was there -- I'm going to ask you the same question because I don't think you've given me an answer, yes or no, and I believe it's a yes or no question.

when you looked at the engine was there any evidence to you that the starter caused the fire?

A. There's -- When you say any evidence, there's some evidence that it could have, just in the sense of we have the insulation burned off of the leads directly adjacent to the starter. So to the extent that we have that type damage, yes. I didn't -- it would have been more helpful, certainly, to have the information and history